

Braves Marching Band Association
General Meeting - October 18, 2017
7:00 p.m.

President - Barb Bonini

- There are still open positions next year that must be filled. A list of open positions will be emailed.

Fundraising - Nancy Pozarycki and Barbara Murray

- We will not do the Oakland Carnival as a fundraiser for next year. It was very labor intensive and made roughly \$400, down from the \$870 made in previous years.
- Discussion of a food fundraiser, like Market Day, or a Birthday Lawn Signs fundraiser.
- Looking for fundraising ideas!

Band Director - Gordon Fisher

- The Midland Park competition was great. The students did very well.
- Thank you to the parents for all of their help.
- The truck has been fixed.
- Phil Norton fixed the tractor.
- The trophy case has still not been moved in the band room despite repeated requests to the school. May get a group of parents to move it.
- Mystery Trip, 10/28 - We have invited Mr. Baratta, Mr. Collins and Mr. Evangelista as a thank you for all they have done for the marching band.
- We are hoping to get the uniforms cleaned earlier this year - prior to the holidays.
- **Change in arrival time for students on Friday, 10/27 - Students must arrive after school to allot for travel time. (NV Old Tappan away game) We will provide a more substantial snack for the students at halftime.**
- **Wayne Hills, Saturday, 10/21, (NJMEA State Band Ratings Festival) - We need help with moving instruments (check email). Parents will meet at the back of the school at 7:15 pm to unload truck. Allow yourself ½ hour to park and walk to the truck.**
 - **This event will end late - after 11:00 pm - PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND FOR STUDENTS WITH PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES.**

Treasurer - Heather Lorenzo

- \$3,487.98 in account.
- Still need to pay for 2 pizza dinners - Roughly \$300.
- Paid \$240 for the two choreographers. (\$120 each)
- Deposited \$152 for football game sales and \$620 for parent dues.
- Paid \$795 for Allentown lunch.
- Paid for website.
- Got debit card for account.

Road Crew - Nathan Busker

- [Wayne Hills, Saturday, 10/21, \(NJMEA State Band Ratings Festival\)](#)
 - Load truck at 5:00 pm at IHHS.
 - Unload truck at Wayne Hills at 7:15 pm.
 - Need at least 20 people.
 - Will resend Sign-up Genius.
- Will also look into insurance coverage for drivers for next year.

Vice President - Michelle Quigley

- **Make certain your students know how to hang up pants! It is very time consuming to have to rehang them for many of the students.**

Membership - Seema Bhatia

- Open House went well - 19 students signed the interest sheet.
- Suggestions for next year:
 - Have 3-4 band members play pep tunes at beginning and end of each period.
 - Have color guard members present to talk to interested students.
 - Give out snacks or candy.
 - Make a new poster.
 - Coordinate one flyer.
 - Post the event along with the 8th grade band night in advance on the Franklin Lakes Moms FB page and other FLOW FB pages.
 - Reach out to the 3 middle school PTA's to send a flyer. Include incentive of receiving a varsity letter - even as an eighth grader.
- Sofia Karalekis is planning to speak to FAMS band members and she is trying to coordinate other band and color guard members to attend with her.

Webpage

- The web page is up to date.

Hospitality - Rosemarie Gardner

- [Band Dinner at Portobellos](#)
 - Thursday, 11/16, 6:00-10:00 pm
 - Evite will go out.
 - Discussion on format of evening to allow more time for student dancing and picture taking.

**The next BMBA meeting is Monday, November 6th - 7:00-7:30
IHHS Library**